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JOINT EMBASSY/USAID MESSAGE

SUBJECT: PL-480 WHEAT, TITLE I

REF STATE 142801 - N

1. MOHSENI, CHIEF, ECONOMIC SECTION, RGA, MFA, OCT. 6, ASKED EMBOFF STATUS WASHINGTON DELIBERATIONS ON AFGHAN REQUEST FOR 100,000 MT WHEAT UNDER PL-480, TITLE I. MOHSENI SAID THAT HE HAD CABLE FROM AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR REPORTING HIS CALL AT DEPARTMENT AND MFA WONDERING WHEN WE WOULD BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS. MALIKYAR REPORTED USG COULD NOT RPT NOT SUPPLY FULL TONNAGE REQUESTED DUE BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS BUT THOUGHT 60,000 MT'S WOULD BE POSSIBLE. REPORT ADDED USG WILLING CONSIDER REMAINING AMOUNT IN NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

2. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, IT EVOLVED THAT MFA HAD NOT RPT NOT GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO NECESSITY FOR SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME TO ASSURE KABUL DELIVERIES IN MARCH/APRIL. AS RESULT THIS DISCUSSION, EMBASSY AND USAID/A WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ABOUT DATE ON WHICH WE COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS.

3. EMB/AID BELIEVE EARLY CONCLUSION PL-480 AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT ON WHEAT AND FLOUR PRICES WHICH HAVE RISEN PRECIPITOUSLY OVER LEVELS OF YEAR AGO. PRICE INCREASES IN THREE GRADES OF WHEAT AS OF OCT 1 COMPARED WITH SAME DATE 1969

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WERE 64 PERCENT, 81 PERCENT AND 110 PERCENT; THOSE OF WHEAT FLOUR 70 PERCENT AND 75 PERCENT. RGA HAS SUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT STEADY PRICE RISES BY RELEASING WHEAT FROM FOOD DEPARTMENT'S STOCKS; HOWEVER OUR BEST GUESSTIMATE AVAILABLE STOCKS NOT RPT NOT MORE THAN 100,000 MT.

4. EMB/AID QUESTION EFFICACY OF IDEA, WHICH CONVEYED TO US THROUGH OFFICIAL-INFORMAL CHANNELS AND WHICH RGA NOW RPT NOW AWARE, THAT RGA REQUEST BE SPLIT 60,000 MT FY 71 AND 40,000 MT FY 72 TO MEET BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT NEED FOR FULL 100,000 MT IN FY 1971 FULLY DOCUMENTED AND SUPPORTED BY AVAILABLE DATA. IF ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE FULL AMOUNT DO NOT RPT NOT JUDGE IT WISE TO TIE SHORTFALL TO POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR REQUIREMENTS. IF RGA REQUESTS PL-480 FOOD GRAINS FOR DELIVERY IN FISCAL 1972, SUCH REQUEST SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN TERMS OF REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS OBTAINING AT THAT TIME. IT MAY VERY WELL BE THAT SHORTFALL FROM REQUESTED TONNAGE FOR FISCAL 1971 DELIVERY WOULD BE ONE OF SUCH CONDITIONS. BUT LET'S NOT RPT NOT PUT OURSELVES IN POSITION OF COMMITTING SOMETHING FOR NEXT YEAR ON BASIS THIS YEAR'S NEED.
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